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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 25, 2002, please enter the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement mailed November 25, 2002 divided the claims into five groups: Group I (claims 1-53 and 79, drawn to an immunoassay method to detect a biomarker of oxidative stress in a biological sample utilizing an antibody specific for an oxidized sulfur- or selenium-containing amino acid in a biological sample); Group II (claims 54-59, drawn to a method to detect one or more oxidatively damaged proteins, peptides, or proteinaceous aggregate in a sample employing dual antibodies); Group III (claims 60-62, drawn to methods of diagnosing and or treating the presence of a disease associated with oxidative stress in a mammalian subject); Group V (claims 63-67, 71-72 and 76-78, drawn to a monoclonal antibody); and Group VI (claims 68-70, 73-75 and 80-81, drawn to a polyclonal antibody). There is no Group IV.